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1. Parachute jumps from captive balloons were performed from altitudes between 200 and 250 feet over the JOHVI (27°25' E/59°21' N) - TALIKU - ATHEE area, Estonian SSR. Special motor vehicles carried the inflated balloons to the operation areas. Most of them went to TALIKU.
2. Up to an estimated three thousand paratroopers were repeatedly observed in mass training exercises.

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Comment:

- a. Report confirms routine parachute training in the JOHVI area.*
- b. The captive balloons with mobile balloon winches are believed to be the same as those used for artillery observation.
- c. This is the first information regarding three thousand paratroopers training in the JOHVI area. Previous information reported a training regiment under the command of a general.
- d. From the reported strength it is inferred that a parachute brigade is concerned.

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